

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As inventors identified below, we hereby declare that:

Our citizenships, residences, and post office addresses are as stated below beneath our names;

We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

PRE-BOOT SECURITY CONTROLLER

described and claimed in the accompanying specification.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

In accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), we acknowledge our duty to disclose all information known to us which is material to the examination of this application.

We do not know and do not believe that the invention described and claimed in this application was:

Known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in a printed publication in any country before our invention thereof; or

Patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the filing date of the present patent application in the United States of America; or

First patented or caused to be patented, or was the subject of an inventor's certificate by us or our legal representative(s) or assign(s) in a foreign country prior to the date of the filing date of the application for patent in this country on an application for patent or inventor's certificate filed more than twelve months before the filing date of the application in the United States of America; or

Described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States of America before the invention thereof by us, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of the first, second, and fourth paragraphs of Title 35, United States Code, § 371(c) before our invention thereof.

The undersigned hereby appoint Donald E. Schreiber, Post Office Box 64150, Sunnyvale, California 94088-4150, Registration No. 29,435, their attorney to prosecute this application for letters patent, with full power of substitution and revocation, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issued thereon.

Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention described and claimed in the accompanying specification and claims, and we hereby subscribe our names to the accompanying specification and claims, and the foregoing declaration, power of attorney, and petition.

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